

Dear Housing committee:

This is Lin Yang, a resident of Woodbridge. I am writing to oppose bill 5208: HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR JUSTICE IMPACTED PERSONS

Justice impacted persons definitely deserve a fair chance of re-entry to society, including access to housing and employment.

However, bill 5208 as written has serious flaws that will diminish its purpose of ensuring societal reentry, and housing security / availability for all. Among many concerns, the ambiguity of different time frames and different criminal offenses that housing providers shall consider, coupled with the complexity of the required procedure, will be practically impossible for small business to follow properly, even with their best effort and intention. This will only create opportunities for many so called "tenant activist" groups to target housing providers, not to help their clients, but as a way to rake in profit and run a business. The end results will be higher cost to the housing industry and higher rent to tenants.

Please stop putting up numerous bills like Bill 5208 year after year. The public housing providers and other housing providers have been serving population in CT professionally and consciously for very long time. The only result of this type of bill is more bureaucracy and higher rent, that have been quite excessive in our state already.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

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